COMPARISON CHART

NET NEW ORDERS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Jan. 1985	125,200	13,000	138,200	71,150	2,550	73,700	196,350	15,550	211,900
Dec. 1984	142,150	16,950	159,100	93,000	3,050	96,050	235,150	20,000	255,150
% Change Jan. 1985:Dec. 1984	-11.9	-23.3	-13.1	-23.5	-16.4	-23.3	-16.5	-22.3	-17.0
Jan. 1984	122,500	10,700	133,200	53,050	2,850	55,900	175,550	13,550	189,100
% Change Jan. 1985:Jan. 1984	+2.2	+21.5	+3.8	+34.1	-10.5	+31.8	+11.8	+14.8	+12.1
Year To Date 1985									
Year To Date 1984		NA			NA			NA	
% Change 1984 : 1983									

SHIPMENTS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Jan. 1985	80,600	9,150	89,750	45,950	2,100	48,050	126,550	11,250	137,800
Dec. 1984	183,450	17,400	200,850	69,100	5,750	74,850	252,550	23,150	275,700
% Change Jan. 1985:Dec. 1984	-56.1	-47.4	-55.3	-33.5	-63.5	-35.8	-49.9	-51.4	-50.0
Jan. 1984	65,350	7,200	72,550	35,550	4,850	40,400	100,900	12,050	112,950
% Change Jan. 1985:Jan. 1984	+23.3	+27.1	+23.7	+29.3	-56.7	+18.9	+25.4	-6.6	+22.0
Year To Date 1985									
Year To Date 1984		NA			NA			NA	
% Change 1985 : 1984									

Source: National Machine Tool Builders' Association

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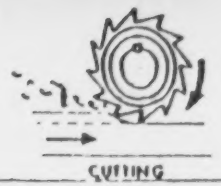

TOTAL INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
MACHINE TOOLS - CUTTING AND FORMING
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985							
Jan. (p)	$ 196,350,000	$ 15,550,000	$ 211,900,000	1,748.75	$ 126,550,000	$ 11,250,000	$ 137,800,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985						
Jan. (p)	$ 209,450,000	$ 17,850,000	$ 227,300,000	$ 13,100,000	$ 2,300,000	$ 15,400,000

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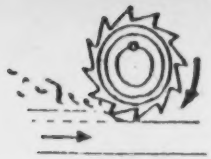

INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL CUTTING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	NET NEW ORDERS Foreign	NET NEW ORDERS Total	Order backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	SHIPMENTS Foreign	SHIPMENTS Total
1985							
Jan. (p)	$ 125,200,000	$ 13,000,000	$ 138,200,000	1,180.90	$ 80,600,000	$ 9,150,000	$ 89,750,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	GROSS NEW ORDERS Foreign	GROSS NEW ORDERS Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	CANCELLATIONS Foreign	CANCELLATIONS Total
1985						
Jan. (p)	$ 136,700,000	$ 14,050,000	$ 150,750,000	$ 11,500,000	$ 1,050,000	$ 12,550,000

P - Preliminary

N.M.T.B.A. F - 1c

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INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL FORMING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	NET NEW ORDERS Foreign	NET NEW ORDERS Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	SHIPMENTS Foreign	SHIPMENTS Total
1985							
Jan. (p)	$ 71,150,000	$ 2,550,000	$ 73,700,000	567.85	$ 45,950,000	$ 2,100,000	$ 48,050,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	GROSS NEW ORDERS Foreign	GROSS NEW ORDERS Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	CANCELLATIONS Foreign	CANCELLATIONS Total
1985						
Jan. (p)	$ 72,750,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 76,550,000	$ 1,600,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 2,850,000

P - Preliminary

N.M.T.B.A. F - 1d

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McLean, VA, March 25, 1985 -- Net new orders for American machine tools rose 12% in February to a level of $237.60 million, according to data released today by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. Shipments also increased for the month, by 21%, reaching a level of $166.15 million. Compared to a year ago, machine tool orders and shipments were up 17% and 13%, respectively.

Association president James A. Gray described the mood of the industry as one of "cautious optimism," as machine tool builders continue to gradually recover from two years of devastating losses.

"The American machine tool industry is a significantly smaller industry today," Gray said, "with a smaller share of the domestic market.

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"In an effort to reverse this trend, our companies are streamlining operations, applying new technologies, and -- in many cases -- forming joint ventures with foreign manufacturers.

"The American machine tool builder needs more than a good product to survive in a brand new and very difficult competitive environment" said Gray. "He must be resourceful enough to seek new opportunities. And he must be flexible enough to make the changes necessary to take advantage of these opportunities."

Orders for metal cutting machine tools climbed 19% in February, at $163.75 million, while shipments rose 21%, totalling $108.30 million. In the metal forming category, orders were up 0.2%, at $73.85 million, while shipments gained by 20%, at $57.85 million for the month.

Order backlogs increased in February from $1.75 billion to a total of $1.82 billion.

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COMPARISON CHART

NET NEW ORDERS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Feb. 1985	148,050	15,700	163,750	69,650	4,200	73,850	217,700	19,900	237,600
Jan. 1985	124,750	13,000	137,750	71,150	2,550	73,700	195,900	15,550	211,450
% Change									
Feb. 1985:Jan. 1985	+18.7	+20.8	+18.9	-2.1	+64.7	+0.2	+11.1	+28.0	+12.4
Feb. 1984	121,700	11,350	133,050	66,000	3,850	69,850	187,700	15,200	202,900
% Change									
Feb. 1985:Feb. 1984	+21.7	+38.3	+23.1	+5.5	+9.1	+5.7	+16.0	+30.9	+17.1
Year To Date 1985	272,800	28,700	301,500	140,800	6,750	147,550	413,600	35,450	449,050
Year To Date 1984	244,200	22,050	266,250	119,050	6,700	125,750	363,250	28,750	392,000
% Change									
1984 : 1983	+11.7	+30.2	+13.2	+18.3	+0.7	+17.3	+13.9	+23.3	+14.6

SHIPMENTS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
Feb. 1985	98,950	9,350	108,300	52,600	5,250	57,850	151,550	14,600	166,150
Jan. 1985	80,600	9,150	89,750	45,950	2,100	48,050	126,550	11,250	137,800
% Change									
Feb. 1985:Jan. 1985	+22.8	+2.2	+20.7	+14.5	+150.0	+20.4	+19.8	+29.8	+20.6
Feb. 1984	95,300	7,750	103,050	40,400	3,850	44,250	135,700	11,600	147,300
% Change									
Feb. 1985:Feb. 1984	+3.8	+20.6	+5.1	+30.2	+36.4	+30.7	+11.7	+25.9	+12.8
Year To Date 1985	179,550	18,500	198,050	98,550	7,350	105,900	278,100	25,850	303,950
Year To Date 1984	160,650	14,950	175,600	75,950	8,700	84,650	236,600	23,650	260,250
% Change									
1985 : 1984	+11.8	+23.7	+12.8	+29.8	-15.5	+25.1	+17.5	+9.3	+16.8

Source: National Machine Tool Builders' Association

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